

Fort Totten, Second Lieutenant's Quarters, Bldg 5
Fort Totten State Historic Site
12 miles southwest of Devils Lake City
off Route 57
Devils Lake Vicinity
Benson County
North Dakota

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STATE NORTH DAKOTA		COUNTY BENSON	TOWN OR VICINITY DEVILS LAKE VICINITY
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) FORT TOTTEN, SECOND LIEUTENANT'S QUARTERS, BLDG 5			HABS NO. ND-9
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Fort Totten State Historic Site, 12 mi. SW of Devils Lake City off Rt. 57.			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Built 1871		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Contractors Dale and Stead	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) An excellent, well-preserved example of a military post of the Indian War period in the trans-Mississippi West.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) The walls are brick painted white. The structural system consists of loading-bearing brick walls with wooden interior framing. A rubble foundation supports the building.			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) The T-shaped buildings each measures 46' (six-bay front) x 59'-3" and is one-and-a-half stories.			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The openings have brick sills and segmental brick arches painted green. The porches are simple wooden projections with wooden columns painted white. The main entrance is distinguished by two identical segmental arches containing single doors flanked on each side by two-over-two sidelights. Wooden double hung windows on the ground floor have four-over-four light sash, and the second floor (con't. to next page)			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) The entrance hall contains an open-well stair. The four-panel doors are equipped with porcelain door knobs. Original wooden floor is found only in the hall and throughout the second floor. All other floors have new wooden and linoleum floorings. See attached sheet for floor plans.			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Original privies that were attached to the kitchens have been removed.			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE The over-all condition of the buildings is good.			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE See Fort Totten State Historic Site, HABS No. ND-17, for additional report of the buildings.			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) This data is based on HABS Architect's Work Sheet, written August 21, 1972. National Register listing.			
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windows are single casement sash. The roof is hipped with wooden shingling and a wooden cornice.

Floor Plans:

The Second Lieutenant's Quarters consists of a main story and a half portion measuring 46' x 32'-6", and a rear one-story portion measuring 28'-3" x 26'-9". Designed to house two officers, the building is divided into two symmetrical halves by a 9" masonry wall. The main entrance leads into an entrance hall with doors opening into a 15' x 15' room, connected to a similar room by a large cased opening, and a dining room (presently serving as the kitchen). The dining room and the kitchen (presently a bath) are located in the rear one-story portion. A stair fronting the entrance leads to a hall opening into two rooms similar to those immediately below.